



Franklin Recyclopedia

Franklin, Massachusetts

What do I do with...?

This page is designed to help you properly dispose of anything and everything. There are over 350 items listed alphabetically. Just click on the letter your item begins with and scroll down from there. There is also a table below with broad categories to help you. Snap the QR below to access the [Franklin Solid Waste Website](#) on your mobile device:



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Acid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Adhesives

These can be hazardous materials and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Aerosol Cans

Recycle only **EMPTY** aerosol cans that contained non-hazardous materials in your recycling cart, such as health & beauty products (sun block, first aid spray, hair products, deodorant,& shaving cream); food products (PAM cooking spray, whipped cream, cake frosting), laundry products (spray starch, anti-static spray & air fresheners) & asthma medications (inhalers). These should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#). Don't puncture, pierce, flatten, or remove nozzles prior to recycling.

Agricultural Plastic

Agricultural plastic cannot be recycled; please dispose of it in the garbage. Burning agricultural plastic is illegal. Burning plastic releases toxic chemicals into the air. Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Air Conditioners

Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#), There may be a disposal fee.

Alkaline Batteries (Duracell, Eveready, Energizer, etc.)

These are the most common household batteries. They are available in many sizes and shapes such as AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt. Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1994 do not contain mercury or other hazardous materials. These items need to be disposed of in your trash.

All batteries should be checked carefully before disposal, as some non-alkaline batteries resemble alkalines. If you would like to cut down on the number of alkaline batteries you are using, you could purchase a battery charger and some compatible rechargeable batteries. These batteries can be used and recharged over and over again, but remember to recycle them in a battery box when they cannot be charged anymore.

Information on disposal of [other types of batteries](#)

All-Purpose Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Aluminum (Cans & Foil)

These items can be recycled in your curbside cart. Please rinse out any remaining liquid or food from the cans and rinse off any remaining food debris from the foil.

Aluminum Siding

Aluminum siding can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Ammonia

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Ammunition

Call [Franklin Police Department](#) 508-528-1212 for proper disposal.

Animals (dead)

Call [Animal Control](#), 508-520-4922.

Answering Machines

These should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Antifreeze

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Ant Poison

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Appliances

Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Dishwasher, Dryer, Freezer, Hot Tub, Microwave, Refrigerator, Spa, Stove, Trash Compactor, Washer, Water Heater

Bring to the [Recycling Center](#) or please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Area Rugs

These can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee. Every Thursday customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545 by Tuesday of the week of pick up. Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Arm Chair

Every Thursday customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545 for pick up. Metal and recyclable materials will not be picked up curbside and should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee. Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Art & Hobby Paint

This can be a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#) if labeled as toxic or hazardous. If not it can be disposed of in your trash.

Arts & Crafts Supplies

Check with your local schools to find out if they are interested in a donation of used or leftover art supplies in good condition. Also, listing as free on [Craigslist](#) is a good way to reuse; otherwise it has to go into your trash.

Items that are not suitable for donation typically fall into one of two categories: garbage (for instance, a worn-out paintbrush) or household hazardous waste (for instance, some paints and dyes). Hazardous materials must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Artificial Christmas Trees and Plants

Plastic plants and trees need to be cut up and put in the trash. Some trees use metal pole and branches and can be recycled in the metal roll off at the [Recycling Center](#).

Asbestos

There are strict removal and disposal requirements for asbestos. Contact a licensed company on the Massachusetts web site – [Asbestos Contractors](#).

Asbestos Siding

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Aseptic Containers (juice boxes, soy milk boxes)

Accepted curbside in your cart and at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Rinse before recycling.

Ashes

Ashes are not recyclable, but may be placed in the garbage *once they are stone cold!* Please use great care in disposing of ashes! Careless storage or disposal can cause serious fires! In small quantities, ashes from clean wood (woodstoves and fireplaces) are fine to add to a compost pile. Wood ash will

raise the pH and add potassium to the pile, but too much ash will reduce pore spaces and make the pile too alkaline.

Asphalt

Asphalt is considered a hazardous waste item. Disposal is available for small amounts to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee. For larger amounts such as a driveway, contact a paving company.

Asphalt Sealer

If the asphalt sealer is latex-based, it must be dried out and then disposed with your trash. If it is not latex-based, it is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Asphalt Shingles

Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Athletic Shoes

These can be reused by bringing to the [Recycling Center](#) and putting in the clothes container.

Automobiles

[Allied Recycling](#) in Walpole can pick up junk automobiles.

Automobile Batteries

Automobile batteries are a hazardous material which can be properly disposed of at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Automotive Fluids

Please note: EMPTY containers for any of the fluids listed below canNOT be recycled.
Proper disposal for the EMPTY containers is to put them in the trash.

Antifreeze

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Brake Fluid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Carburetor Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Engine Degreaser

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Motor Oil

Motor oil should always be recycled - never thrown in the trash, dumped on the ground, poured into the sewer or down the drain. This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Motor oil bottles that are COMPLETELY EMPTY should be thrown in the trash.

Radiator Flusher

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Transmission Fluid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Auto Glass

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

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Bags

Paper: Accepted curbside in recycling cart or at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Plastic: Check with local grocery stores for recycling programs. Where groceries accept plastic bags for recycling, normally the following guidelines apply: Bags must be clean, empty, and dry. Grocery bags (any color), plastic newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, and other plastic bags labeled "2" or "4" are acceptable. Most dry cleaners will also accept dry cleaning bags.

Plastic bags can be reused (for instance, as trash liners for small trash bins); otherwise they must be thrown in the garbage. Plastic bags must NOT be included with your regular recycling.

Bakeware (cookie trays, baking pans, Pyrex)

Metal can be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the metal container. Non-metal items go in the trash.

Ballast (from fluorescent light)

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Barbecue Grill

Disposal is available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Barbecue Tank

Disposal is available to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Bathroom Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Bathtub, Cast-Iron or other metal

Disposal is available to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Bathtub, Fiberglass or plastic

Disposal is available to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee. Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Batteries

Alkaline (Household)

These are the most common household batteries. They are available in many sizes and shapes such as AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt. Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1994 do not contain mercury or other hazardous materials. Residents can put alkaline batteries into their trash.

All batteries should be checked carefully before disposal, as some non-alkaline batteries resemble alkalines. If you would like to cut down on the number of alkaline batteries you are using, you could purchase a battery charger and some compatible rechargeable batteries. These batteries can be used and recharged over and over again, but remember to recycle them in a battery box when they cannot be charged anymore. (There is information below on how to properly dispose of each kind of rechargeable battery.)

Automobile

Automobile batteries are a hazardous material which can be properly disposed of at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Button

Button batteries are a hazardous material. They can be recycled at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). They may also be brought to the Franklin [DPW](#) at 257 Fisher Street.

Lithium and Lithium-Ion

*Please note there are 2 types of "lithium" batteries, and they need to be disposed of differently. **Lithium-ion** batteries are rechargeable and should be collected with rechargeables. Plain lithium batteries are most often used in cameras and look a lot like AAA alkaline batteries. Some are short and squat, and some are almost rectangular. They should be collected with button batteries. Read on for more details.*

Lithium: Lithium batteries are used in many applications but most often in cameras. The word "lithium" is printed on the battery. Be sure to check all batteries; some lithium batteries, such as the AA size or short and fat lithium batteries used in cameras, resemble alkaline batteries, but should be recycled properly in the same collection container as button batteries. See listing above for "Button" batteries. Or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Lithium-Ion: These rechargeable batteries are typically found in ipods and laptop computers. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW OFFICE](#) 257 Fisher Street. Or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Nickel-Cadmium (NiCad)

NiCad batteries, rechargeable batteries that are used in power tools and rechargeable appliances such as handheld vacuum cleaners and rechargeable toothbrushes and razors, are a hazardous material. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW office](#) at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)

Ni-MH batteries, rechargeable batteries which are used in digital cameras, flashlights, power tools, and other electronics, are a hazardous material. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW office](#) at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Nickel-Zinc (Ni-Zn)

Ni-Zn batteries, rechargeable batteries that are used in cordless power tools, cordless phones, digital cameras, battery operated lawn and garden tools and electric bikes, are a hazardous material. They can

be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW office](#) at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Rechargeables

See individual listings under:

Lithium-Ion, Nickel-Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Nickel-Zinc, and Sealed Lead Acid.

Sealed Lead Acid

Small sealed lead rechargeable batteries found in computers, electronic equipment, power tools, exit lights, security systems, weed trimmers, wheelchairs, and personal UPS units can be recycled. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW](#) office at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Sealed lead acid batteries from automobiles and children's rideable vehicles are a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Zinc-Carbon and Zinc-Chloride Batteries

These are not hazardous, and may be disposed of in the garbage.

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BB Gun Pellets

These should be disposed of in your trash.

Beer and Soda Cartons

The cardboard used for these cartons can be put in the recycling cart or brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Beverage Containers

Returnable bottles and cans (the ones that say MA 5 cents Deposit on them) can be returned to a redemption center, put in your [recycling cart](#) or brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). For more detailed information about which containers can and cannot be recycled, see:

[Plastics Recycling brochure](#)

Bikes

Bicycles may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the metal container.

Binders

Empty, used binders can be brought to any Staples store. The [binders will be recycled](#) or upcycled into new products. All makes and models of binders are accepted.

Biodiesel

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Birds, dead

Report to [Animal Control](#) at 508-520-4922.

Blacktop (Asphalt)

Disposal is available to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Blueprint Paper

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Boats

Disposal is available by [local haulers and drop off locations](#) and can be picked up by [Allied Recycling](#) in Walpole. Metal boats (under 18 feet long or cut up) can be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the metal container.

Boilers

Disposal is available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Bookcase

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Books

Hardcover: Can be brought to the [Franklin Public Library](#).

Paperback: Can be brought to the Franklin Public Library, go into your [recycling cart](#) or brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Bottles (empty)

Antifreeze, bleach, chemical, motor oil, and any other container that held hazardous materials :

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Cooking oil, glass (clear, green & brown), laundry detergent, plastic bottles that contained shampoo, soap, soda, water : Should be put in the recycling cart or brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Bowls (metal, glass, ceramic, or plastic)

Metal can be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the metal container, plastic goes into [rigid plastic](#) and ceramic and glass would go in your trash.

Box Springs

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Boxboard

Boxboard refers to "flat" (corrugated) cardboard such as cereal boxes. Accepted curbside in the [recycling cart](#) and at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Remove liners, bags, etc. before recycling.

Brake Fluid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Branches

Disposal is available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Bricks

Disposal is available to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee.

Brochures & Booklets

Accepted curbside in your cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Broken Glass

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Brown Envelopes

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Brush

Disposal is available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Bubble Wrap

Commercial shippers, such as Mailboxes Etc., may accept bubble wrap in good condition for reuse. Call 1-800-828-2214 to find out the location of the nearest Mailboxes Etc. The Franklin office (may also be able to suggest local merchants who can reuse bubble wrap. Otherwise, it is not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage if you are not going to reuse it yourself.

Buckets

Metal buckets: Disposal is available to all Franklin residents at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Plastic buckets: Available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) in rigid plastic. Make sure they are clean.

Bug Spray

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Building & Remodeling Materials Construction & Demolition Debris

Asphalt, Asphalt Shingles, Bricks, Cement, Cinder Blocks, Clapboard, Concrete,
Doors, Flooring, Insulation, Lumber, Mortar, Plaster, Plywood, Roofing,
Sheetrock, Shingles, Tiles, Windows, Wood:

Disposal is available at [local licensed hauler and drop off centers](#).

Polyurethane, Stains, Paint, and other Floor & Deck Finishes (oil-based only)

These are hazardous materials and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee.

Roofing Tar, Oil-based Asphalt Sealer

These are hazardous materials and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee.

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Bulky Waste

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Please see the [curbside brochure](#) for more information.

Bullets

Call Franklin [Police Department](#) 508-528-1212 for proper disposal.

Bureaus

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Butane Lighters

These may be placed in the garbage.

Button Batteries

Button batteries are a hazardous material. They can be recycled *in the designated container* at the [DPW](#) office, 257 Fisher Street. Or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

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Cabinets

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Calculators

Calculators can be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the electronics container.

Cameras

Cameras can be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the electronics container.

Canning Jars

Canning jars are not recyclable. Reuse, give to a friend who can use them, put in a tag sale, or place in the garbage.

Cans (Steel [tin-coated] and Aluminum)

Accepted curbside in the recycling cart and at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Labels do not have to be removed.

Caps

Caps and lids must be fastened on a plastic bottle/jar/jug/tub in order to be recycled; loose tops should be discarded. Metal lids can be recycled on or off the container.

Carbon Monoxide Detector

Carbon monoxide detectors do not contain any radioactive or hazardous materials, and may be disposed of at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) in the electronics container.

Carbon Paper

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Carburetor Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Cardboard (corrugated and boxboard)

Accepted at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) in the compactor or cut up and put in your recycling cart.

Cardboard Tubes from Paper Towel and Toilet Paper Rolls

Accepted at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) in the compactor or cut up and put in your recycling cart.

Cards

Greeting cards that include foil or glitter are not recyclable. Otherwise, greeting cards are accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Playing cards are not recyclable, due to their waxy coating.

Carpeting & Rugs (Area Rugs, Carpet with or without padding)

Disposal is available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Curbside subscribers can call Waste Management at 800-972-4545, one piece of burnable indoor furniture can be picked up weekly. No metal or outdoor furniture. There is a disposal fee.

Cars

[Allied Recycling](#) has a car pick up program.

Cassette Tapes and Cassette Tape Boxes

These cannot be recycled locally. [GreenDisk](#) offers a mail-in option for recycling all forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape, audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes, as well as many other forms of "techno-trash." See their site for more info. Otherwise, dispose of cassette tapes and boxes in the garbage.

Catalogs & Magazines

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Plastic wrappers, if any,

must be removed and placed in the trash; plastic wrappers are not recyclable. (*Paper* magazine wrappers can be recycled.)

You can opt out of catalogs online with <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>.

CCA-Treated Wood (pressure-treated)

Can be brought to [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#). **Do not** dispose of CCA-treated wood in a backyard compost pile, brush pile, chipping pile, or burn pile.

CDs and CD Trays

Do not put CDs or their trays in the recycling. [GreenDisk](#) offers a mail-in option for recycling all forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape, audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes, as well as many other forms of "techno-trash." See their site for more info. Otherwise, dispose of CDs and their plastic trays in the garbage.

Cell Phone

Cell phones contain hazardous materials and should not be put in the trash. They may also be brought to be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) or [DPW Administrative office](#), 257 Fisher Street. Cell phones can also be donated at the [Franklin Fire Department](#) for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

Cement

Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Cereal Boxes

Accepted at curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Remove any inner bag and dispose in the garbage. The bag is not recyclable.

Charcoal

Charcoal may be placed in the garbage *once it is stone cold!*

Chemistry Kit

This is a non-hazardous material and can be put in your trash.

Chinaware

If still in good condition, chinaware may be donated to local resale shops (such as Salvation Army) or rummage sales, or offered at a tag sale. Chinaware in any condition is unfortunately not recyclable and would go in your trash.

Chlorine Bleach

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Empty bleach bottles cannot be recycled and must go in the trash.

Christmas Tree Lights

Strings of Christmas tree lights may be brought to the Beaver Street [Recycling Center](#) which will reclaim the metal in the wiring. Light strings cannot go in your recycling cart.

Christmas Trees

Natural trees can be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). For Christmas tree curbside collection see the [annual solid waste calendar](#).

Cigarette Lighters

These may be placed in the garbage.

Cinder Blocks

Disposal is available at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

There may be a disposal fee.

Clapboards

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#). There is a disposal fee.

Clasp Envelopes

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the Beaver Street [Recycling Center](#).

Cleaners

All-Purpose Cleaner, Ammonia, Bathroom Cleaner, Chlorine Bleach, Disinfectant, Drain Cleaner, Oven Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Upholstery Cleaner, Septic Tank Cleaner

All of these products are considered Household Hazardous Waste and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). It is important not to pour these chemicals down the drain because they have been known to have adverse effects in septic systems and at wastewater treatment plants. They can also contaminate groundwater and drinking water. It is unsafe to dispose of them in the garbage because they can be harmful to sanitation workers.

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Clothing

Clothing, sneakers, shoes, boots, slippers, belts, ties, purses, pillows, bedding (comforters, sheets, blankets), table linens, stuffed animals, and draperies/curtains can be placed in the clothing box at the [Recycling Center](#). These textile items can be in almost any condition, as anything not deemed appropriate for the charities' stores will be sold to a textile recycler. Moth-eaten, torn, and stained fabrics are all acceptable. However, all items must be DRY!

Coat Hangers

Metal: Do not put metal coathangers into the recycling. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#).

Plastic: Recyclable at the Beaver Street Recycling Center in rigid plastic container.

Colored Glass Bottles

Accepted at then [Recycling Center](#) or in your recycling cart. Please rinse bottles before recycling.

Compact Disks and Compact Disk Trays

Do not put compact disks or their trays in the recycling cart. [GreenDisk](#) offers a mail-in option for recycling all forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape, audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes, as well as many other forms of "techno-trash." See their site for more info. Otherwise, dispose of CDs and their plastic trays in the garbage.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Compact fluorescents (CFLs) cannot be placed in the trash because they contain mercury. These can be disposed of at the [Recycling Center](#). Expired, unbroken CFLs may be brought to any Home Depot store (returns desk), any Aubuchon Hardware store. There is no charge.

Computer Disks

Do not put compact disks or their trays in the recycling cart. [GreenDisk](#) offers a mail-in option for recycling all forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape, audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes, as well as many other forms of “techno-trash.” See their site for more info. Otherwise, dispose of CDs and their plastic trays in the garbage.

Computer Monitors

Computer monitors and televisions contain lead, mercury, cadmium and other hazardous substances. Placing computer monitors in the trash is prohibited by state regulations. Proper disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee.

Computer Peripherals (including speakers)

Printers should be recycled Proper disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#). This includes keyboards, mice, track balls, and speakers.

Computers (CPUs)

Proper disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#).

Concrete

Disposal is available at the Beaver Street Recycling Center. There may be a disposal fee. Disposal is also available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Construction and Demolition Debris

See [Building and Remodeling Materials](#).

Construction Paper

Accepted curbside in the recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

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Cooking Oil

Never pour used cooking oil down the drain. Recycle at the Beaver Street [Recycling Center](#) in the oil container.

Cooking Oil Bottle (empty)

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Cookware

If still in good condition, cookware may be donated to local resale shops (such as Salvation Army) or rummage sales, or offered at a tag sale. Metal cookware is recyclable at the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#), other types must go in the trash.

Copy Machine

Disposal is available at the Beaver Street [Recycling Center](#).

Copy Paper

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the Beaver Street [Recycling Center](#).

Corks

Corks can be reused in various creative ways, or tossed in the garbage. They cannot go in your recycling bin. If you don't have a use for your corks, they can nevertheless have a second life through [ReCORK](#), which reuses corks. Another option Whole Foods in Bellingham accepts corks. See [Earth911](#) for more recycling information.

Copy Paper Wrapper

Paper wrappers for copy paper are not accepted for paper recycling, due to the plastic moisture barrier that coats the wrapper. Plastic wrappers for copy paper are not accepted in recycling and must go in the trash.

Couch

Disposal for curbside call Waste Management at 800-972-4545. You may also call a [licensed hauler and drop off center](#) below for pickup and/or disposal. There may be a disposal fee.

Creosote (from woodstoves)

Creosote cleaned out from woodstoves can be placed in the trash.

Creosote Sealer

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

CRTs & TVs

Placing CRTs and TVs in the trash is prohibited by state regulations. Computer monitors and televisions contain lead, mercury, cadmium and other hazardous substances. Placing computer monitors in the trash is prohibited by state regulations. Proper disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee.

Cups

Clean Plastic cups with the recycling symbol can be put in the recycling cart or brought to the Recycling Center. Styrofoam cups, China and other materials are not recyclable.

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Degreaser

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Dehumidifier

Dehumidifiers contain freon. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Detergent Bottles

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the Beaver Street [Recycling Center](#). Rinse well.

Diapers

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. Fabric diapers which are clean but worn out make great rags.

Diesel Fuel

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Dirt

Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#).

Dishes/Dishware

If still in good condition, dishes may be donated to local resale shops (such as Salvation Army) or rummage sales, or offered at a tag sale. Dishes in any condition are unfortunately not recyclable.

Dishwasher

Aluminum siding can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Disinfectant

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Disposable Dishes & Utensils

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Disposable Food Containers (*Lunchables, etc*)

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Doors

Metal: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Wood: See list of [haulers and drop off facilities](#)

Drain Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Drink Boxes (empty)

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Discard straws; plastic caps & spouts may stay. Don't include drink pouches (e.g., Capri Sun) with your bottles & cans; drink pouches can be recycled through [Terracycle](#).

Drinking Glasses

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Dry Cleaning Bags& Hangers

Bags: Your dry cleaner may take them. They are also acceptable in the plastic bag recycling programs offered by some grocery stores. Otherwise they are not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Hangers (metal): Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Dryer

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

DVDs

Do not put DVDs or their cases in the recycling. Any Franklin County resident may bring DVDs to the "Got Books" container at the Northfield transfer station. [GreenDisk](#) offers a mail-in option for recycling all forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape, audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes, as well as many other forms of "techno-trash." See their site for more info. Otherwise, dispose of DVDs in the garbage.

DVD Player

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

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Egg Cartons

Clear, molded plastic egg cartons ("clamshells") are recyclable with bottles & cans. Styrofoam egg cartons cannot be recycled and have to go in the trash. Compost ripped-up paper cartons at home or through municipal organic waste collection or search online for creative tips using "recycling or reusing egg cartons."

Electronics

Answering Machines, Cell Phones, Computer-related Items, Copy Machines, CRTs & TVs, DVD Players, Fax Machines, Microwaves, Pagers, Printers, Satellite Dishes, Scanners, Stereos, Telephones, Television Sets, VCRs, Video Game Systems

Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#)

In addition:

- Best Buy & Staples will recycle any eligible item at no charge. Best Buy takes three items per household per day. Visit www.BestBuy.com or www.Staples.com & search under "recycling." Newer technology devices can be sold through www.staples.com.
- Computer manufacturers offer a variety of electronic recycling programs, including (but not limited to) Apple, Dell, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, Panasonic, Sony & Toshiba. Go to their websites for more info.
- United States Postal Service (USPS) customers can get free mail-back envelopes for recycling inkjet cartridges, cell phones, PDAs, digital cameras & other small electronics.
- Computers & other electronics in working condition can be donated to <http://www.cristina.org/> to benefit students at risk & people who are economically disadvantaged or disabled.

End Table

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Engine Degreaser

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Envelopes

Even with stamps and plastic windows, envelopes are accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Manila envelopes are recyclable. Tyvek envelopes are not recyclable.

Epoxy

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Explosives

Call [Franklin Police Department](#) for proper disposal.

Eyeglasses

Some charitable organizations accept eyeglasses. Find a local [Lions Club](#) which will accept your glasses for reuse. Otherwise, they are unfortunately not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

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Fabric

Fabric can be placed in Salvation Army or Goodwill boxes, or brought to Salvation Army stores. Textiles *can be in almost any condition*, as anything not deemed appropriate for the charities' stores will be sold to a textile recycler. Moth-eaten, torn, and stained fabrics are all acceptable. However, all items must be DRY. Disposal is also available at the [Recycling Center](#).

Facial Tissue

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Fax Machine

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Fencing (metal)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Fencing (wood)

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Fiberglass Insulation

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

File Folders

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Film Canisters

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Fire Extinguisher

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) if empty.

Read the label on the fire extinguisher before you continue. If it contains **carbon tetrachloride** you must save it for our household hazardous waste collection. This chemical is a known carcinogen. Do not discharge or dispose of with your trash. If you have a **carbon dioxide (CO₂)** fire extinguisher it could be under extreme pressure. You should contact your local fire department for assistance.

For **other types** of extinguishers: If the fire extinguisher is discharged or has lost all pressure, use tools to unscrew the valve from the base. Wear a dust mask or respirator and goggles and work outdoors. Slowly pour the powder inside the base into a trash bag. Avoid making a cloud of dust from the contents. The powder is not toxic but should not be breathed. The powder and the valve can be disposed of as trash. The metal base can be recycled with scrap metal at the [Recycling Center](#).

If the fire extinguisher has some pressure remaining you can discharge it in an area where an acidic fertilizer would be used, such as around evergreens. Do not use on lawns. When relieving the pressure (emptying) the container for disposal, review manufacturers' instructions, or, if unavailable, use the PASS technique:

- **Pull the pin:** this unlocks the operating lever and allows you to discharge the extinguisher. Some extinguishers may have other seals or tamper indicators.
- **Aim low:** Point the extinguisher nozzle (or hose) at the base of the item.
- **Squeeze the lever above the handle:** this discharges the extinguishing agent. Releasing the lever will stop the discharge. (Some extinguishers have a button instead of a lever.)
- **Sweep from side to side.**

The powder and the valve can be disposed of as trash. The metal base can be recycled with scrap metal.

Fireworks

Do not throw unused fireworks in the trash. Live fireworks are extremely dangerous, and must be disposed of properly. Call [Franklin Fire Department](#) 508-528-2323.

Fishing Weights (lead)

Fishing weights should not be placed in the trash. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#)

Flags

For proper disposal of U.S. flags that are no longer in usable condition, contact your local American Legion or VFW post. Can be brought to the [Elks](#) at 2136 Pond St. in Franklin.

Flammable Liquids

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Flea Killer/Flea Shampoo

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Fliers

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Flooring

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Fluorescent Bulbs, including compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)

These contain [mercury](#) and cannot be placed in the trash. This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There is no charge.

Food

Compost in your backyard or in a worm bin, or dispose of in the garbage.

Freezers

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Freezer Packs

Ice packs/freezer packs (used to keep food cold) are not hazardous and may be thrown out with your regular household trash. Do not puncture them. Do not place them in your recycling, even if the liquid has leaked out.

Freon

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Fungicide

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Furniture

Bookcases, Box Springs, Bureaus, Cabinets, Couchs, End Tables, Kitchen/Dining Tables, Loveseats, Mattresses (standard or waterbed), Over-stuffed Chairs, Upholstered Chairs, Wooden Furniture

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Furniture in good condition can be sold or donated for re-use.

Furniture Polish

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Futons

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Garden Hose

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#). Can be put in your trash cart as long as it fits with top closed.

Gas Treatments

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Gasoline

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Gift Wrap

Gift wrap that is foil or metallic is not recyclable. Otherwise, gift wrap is accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Glass

Since glass does not degrade, a bottle thrown in a landfill today would still be around in the year 3000. That's why it's so important to recycle any glass food or beverage container. In addition to saving landfill space, recycling saves energy. For example, recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours. Any clear, green, or brown glass bottle which held a food or beverage and is smaller than 2.5 gallons can be recycled. Empty and rinse; discard caps in trash. Labels and neck rings can be left on.

[Recycling Yes/No List](#)

There are other glass items that unfortunately **cannot be recycled**.

- No light bulbs
- No window glass
- No auto glass
- No broken glass
- No dishes
- No drinking glasses
- No mirrors
- No Pyrex

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Glass Bottles

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Caps and corks go in the trash. Labels and neck rings can be left on.

Glossy Paper

Dispose of in trash.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings are banned from trash in Massachusetts. They may be left on the lawn after the grass is cut or added to compost. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#).

Grease

Automotive: This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Cooking: Place in the garbage.

Greeting Cards

Greeting cards that include foil or glitter are not recyclable. Otherwise, greeting cards are accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Before recycling, remove the electronics from greeting cards that talk or sing, and recycle the [button battery\(s\)](#).

Grocery Bags

Paper: Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Plastic: Check with local supermarkets for recycling programs. They can be reused as trash liners for small trash bins; otherwise they must be thrown in the garbage.

Guns

Call [Franklin Police Department](#) 508-528-1212 for proper disposal.

Gypsum (Sheetrock)

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

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Halogen Bulbs

These may be disposed of in the garbage.

Halogen Lamps

These may be placed in the garbage

Hazardous Waste

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Health Care and Personal Care Products

Some health care and personal care products are hazardous and should not be placed in the trash. Items marked Caution, Caustic, Corrosive, Danger, Flammable, Poison, Volatile, or Warning should be considered hazardous products. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#).

Any product that is not labeled as above can be disposed of in the trash. Empty liquids prior to placing containers in the trash. Some plastic bottles, such as those that contained rubbing alcohol and hydrogen peroxide, can be recycled.

Hearing Aids

You can donate your hearing aid to [Hear Now](#), which collects all makes and models of hearing aids and provides them to people who can't afford to buy them. If you are choosing to dispose of it instead, first remove and recycle the [battery](#). Then dispose of the hearing aid itself in the garbage.

Helium Tanks

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Herbicide

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

HID Lights (Sodium, Mercury, Metal Halide)

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Holiday Lights

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). Do **NOT** put them in recycling boxes or in the scrap metal collections at transfer stations.

Hot Tub

Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#) or [local hauler or drop off location](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Hypodermic Needles

This is a free program for the safe collection and disposal of residential needles and lancets. Every year healthcare workers, recycling workers, sanitation workers, home needle users and their families report hundreds of thousands of [needle stick injuries](#) when needles and lancets are disposed of improperly. The sharps collection box is available 24/7 at the [Franklin Police Department](#).

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Ice-cream Cartons

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Must be clean and free of food.

Ice Packs

Ice packs/freezer packs (used to keep food cold) are not hazardous and may be thrown out with your regular household trash. Do not puncture them. Do not place them in your recycling, even if the liquid has leaked out.

Incandescent Light Bulbs

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the trash.

Inflatable Packaging

Plastic inflatable packaging -- NOT bubble wrap, but sealed plastic bags filled with air -- can be included in grocery store plastic bag recycling collection bins, if the packaging is labeled with a "2" or a "4". The bags must first be popped to let the air out.

Ink Cartridges

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Inner Tubes

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Insecticide

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Insulation

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

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Joint Compound

Joint compound is *not* considered a household hazardous waste. To dispose of leftover unwanted joint compound, dry it out completely and then put it in the regular trash.

Juice Bottles (glass and plastic)

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Juice Boxes

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Juice Cans (metal)

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Juice Concentrate (Frozen) Containers

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. The cardboard the tube is made out of is coated and therefore not recyclable. The metal ends when just thrown in loose fall through the machines and end up in the trash.

Junk Cars

[Allied Recycling](#) will pick up junk cars.

Junk Mail

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Unwanted mail & catalogs are recyclable, but it makes more sense to reduce them at the source:

- [DirectMail.com](#) – free service to remove your name from commercial mailing lists;
- [Catalog Choice](#) – free service to stop delivery of unwanted catalogs;
- [OptOutPrescreen.com](#) – free service to end pre-approved credit card & insurance offers;
- [YellowPagesGoesGreen](#) – free service to take your name off phonebook mailing lists; and
- [EcoLogical Mail Coalition](#) – paid service to help businesses eliminate mail addressed to former employees.

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Kerosene

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Kitchen/Dining Tables

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Kitty Litter

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. Kitty litter should not be composted.

Kitty Litter Buckets

Plastic buckets and pails that contained kitty litter are recyclable at the [Recycling Center](#) in the rigid plastic. Must be clean.

"Kleenex"

Facial tissues (Kleenex or any other brand) are not recyclable and must be placed in the trash.

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Latex Paint

Latex paint is **not** a hazardous waste. It can be disposed of in the regular garbage *once the paint is dry*.

Paint will air dry if the lid is left off the can. However, if there is a large quantity remaining in the can, air-drying will require a very long time. You can speed up the process by stirring in clean kitty litter. Do not bring latex paint to the [Recycling Center](#); it will not be accepted.

Laundry Detergent Bottles

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Laundry Detergent Boxes

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Lawn Mowers (Riding & Push)

Before disposing of any lawn mower, remove the gas and oil. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Lead & Oil Based Paints

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Lead Paint Chips

Lead paint chips are not considered a hazardous waste. They should, however, be disposed of in a bag.

Leaves/Yard Waste

Leaves and yard waste are banned from trash in Massachusetts. Please compost them if possible. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

LED Light Bulbs

At the end of their life span, LED bulbs are properly disposed of in the trash.

Lids and Caps

Lids and caps must be fastened on a plastic bottle/jar/jug/tub in order to be recycled; loose tops should be discarded. Metal lids can be recycled on or off the container.

Lighting

Fluorescent Bulbs, including compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)

These contain [mercury](#) and cannot be placed in the trash. This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Holiday Lights

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). Do **NOT** put them in recycling boxes or in the scrap metal collections at transfer stations.

LED Bulbs

At the end of their life span, these are properly disposed of in the trash.

Light Ballasts

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Light Bulbs (incandescent or halogen)

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Lighter Fluid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Linseed Oil

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Lithium and Lithium-Ion Batteries

Please note there are 2 types of "lithium" batteries, and they need to be disposed of differently. Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable and should be collected with rechargeables. Plain lithium batteries are most often used in cameras and look a lot like AAA alkaline batteries. Some are short and squat, and some are almost rectangular. They should be collected with button batteries. Read on for more details.

Lithium: Lithium batteries are used in many applications but most often in cameras. The word "lithium" is printed on the battery. Be sure to check all batteries; some lithium batteries, such as the AA size or short and fat lithium batteries used in cameras, resemble alkaline batteries, but should be recycled properly in the same collection container as button batteries. See listing above for "Button" batteries, or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Lithium-Ion: These rechargeable batteries are typically found in ipods and laptop computers. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW OFFICE](#) 257 Fisher Street. Or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Information on disposal of [other types of batteries](#)

Lottery Tickets

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Loveseat

Every Thursday customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545. There is a disposal fee. Metal and recyclable materials will not be picked up and should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

LP (Liquid Propane) Tanks

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Lumber

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

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Magazines& Catalogs

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Plastic wrappers, if any, must be removed and placed in the trash; plastic wrappers are not recyclable. (Paper magazine wrappers can be recycled.)

Margarine Tubs

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Must be clean and free of food.

Mattresses (all types)

Every Thursday customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545. There is a disposal fee. Metal and recyclable materials will not be picked up and should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#). Mattresses and box springs are accepted at the Recycling Center, fees may apply.

Medical & Infectious Waste

Disposal available at [Stericycle](#) 866-783-9816.

Medications

Bring your unwanted medications to the police station in Franklin. (See below.) Simply place the meds in the green MEDRETURN box. Prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, and veterinary medications are accepted. Keep them in the original containers. You do not have to cross off personal information.

Collection location	Address	Hours
FRANKLIN POLICE STATION	911 PANTHER WAY	24 HOURS/ 7 DAYS

The old advice of flushing unwanted medications down the toilet is now known to be the least desirable of all alternatives. Although flushing appears to be the simplest way to prevent unintended use or other diversion, wastewater treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to treat pharmaceutical waste. ***Don't flush your unwanted medications!***

Never burn unwanted medications or personal care products in a burn barrel. Uncontrolled burning can create dioxins and other air pollutants.

Reduce pharmaceutical waste whenever possible:

- Use all antibiotics as prescribed by your doctor. Not using all doses of an antibiotic could lead to development of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria.
- Buy only as much as can reasonably be used before the expiration date. For example, don't buy 500 aspirin just because it's cheaper, unless you will use them all.
- When your doctor prescribes a new medication, ask the doctor to prescribe only enough to see if the medication will work for you and in the lowest dose advisable. That way, if the medication doesn't suit you, there is less to waste. Do the same for your pet's medications.

Mercury (liquid)

[Mercury](#) is toxic and should not be thrown out in the trash! Elemental mercury is a silvery liquid that is commonly used in thermometers and thermostats. Mercury is not hazardous to humans when it is in a sealed device. The danger to health and the environment arises when mercury-containing articles are broken and discarded in the trash. (Or broken *after* being discarded in the trash.) If you have liquid mercury, it must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#), or [DPW office](#).

Mercury-Containing Devices

Mercury-containing devices include thermometers (with silver-colored liquid), thermostats, and fluorescent lights. These are hazardous materials and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Here's a link to more information about [mercury](#).

Mercury Thermometers& Thermostats

Mercury is a silvery liquid. If you have a [thermometer](#) with mercury in it, bring it to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). We offer a free digital thermometer in exchange. (One per household) If the thermometer has red or blue liquid, it does not contain mercury and may be put in the trash.

[Thermostats](#) must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) or [DPW Administrative office](#).

Metal

Steel and aluminum are the major metals in our everyday lives and both are easily recyclable. Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy equivalent of one cup of gasoline. That adds up fast: recycling eight 24-packs of soda is the energy equivalent of filling a 12-gallon gas tank! To recycle beverage cans or food cans, simply rinse them and place in your recycling cart or be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Larger items like appliances can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

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Metal Polish

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Microwaves

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Milk Cartons

Can be put in your cart or taken to the [Recycling Center](#). Rinse well before recycling.

Milk Jugs

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Rinse well before recycling.

Mineral Oil

Mineral oil is not hazardous and may be placed in the garbage.

Mirrors

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Mortar

Would go in your trash or for larger quantities disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Moth Balls

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Motor Oil

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Oil Filters: Used oil filters should be punctured on the dome top and drained while hot. Capture the oil that drains from the filter and consolidate it with other motor oil. Once the filter is drained, it can be placed in scrap metal recycling or in the trash. Oil filters cannot be recycled.

Motor Oil Bottles (empty)

Motor oil bottles and any other containers that held hazardous materials (that cannot and should not be rinsed clean) are not recyclable and should be thrown away as trash.

Muriatic Acid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

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Needles, Syringes, & other Sharps

This is a free program for the safe collection and disposal of residential needles and lancets. Every year healthcare workers, recycling workers, sanitation workers, home needle users and their families report hundreds of thousands of [needle stick injuries](#) when needles and lancets are disposed of improperly. The sharps collection box is available 24/7 at the [Franklin Police Department](#).

Newspapers (including inserts)

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Nickel-Cadmiun (NiCad) Batteries

NiCad batteries, rechargeable batteries that are used in power tools and rechargeable appliances such as handheld vacuum cleaners and rechargeable toothbrushes and razors, are a hazardous material. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at DPW office at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Information on disposal of [other types of batteries](#)

Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) Batteries

Ni-MH batteries, rechargeable batteries which are used in digital cameras, flashlights, power tools, and other electronics, are a hazardous material. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at DPW office at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Information on disposal of [other types of batteries](#)

Nickel-Zinc (Ni-Zn) Batteries

Ni-Zn batteries, rechargeable batteries that are used in cordless power tools, cordless phones, digital cameras, battery operated lawn and garden tools and electric bikes, are a hazardous material. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW office](#) at 257 Fisher Street or they may be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

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No-Pest Strips

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

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Office Paper (white and colored)

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Oil Filters

Used oil filters should be punctured on the dome top and drained while hot. Capture the oil that drains from the filter and consolidate it with other motor oil. Once the filter is drained, it can be placed in scrap metal recycling or in the trash. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#). They may be accepted by some auto repair shops.

Oil Tanks

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Oily Soil

Call [Clean Harbors](#) at 781-380-7175

Oven Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Overhead Transparencies

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Over-stuffed Chairs

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

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Packing Peanuts & Bubble Wrap

They are unfortunately not recyclable and if not reused, must be placed in the garbage. Try to reuse.

CORNSTARCH packing peanuts may be reused or composted in a backyard bin. They are not accepted by package shipping stores or by commercial composters. If you can't use or compost them, throw them away in your trash or dissolve them in warm water and flush the resulting starch solution down the toilet.

Padded Envelopes

Reuse if possible; otherwise discard in trash. These envelopes are not recyclable.

Pagers

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Pails

Metal pails: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Plastic pails: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). Must be clean and put in the rigid plastic container.

Paints

Latex Paint

Latex paint is **not** a hazardous waste. It can be disposed of in the regular garbage once the paint is dry.

Latex paint will air dry if the lid is left off the can. However, if there is a large quantity remaining in the can, it will require a very long time to dry. You can speed up the process by stirring in clean kitty litter. Hardware stores sell paint hardener. Do not bring latex paint to the [Recycling Center](#); it will not be accepted.

Paints & Stains (Lead & Oil based)

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Water-based Stain

Water-based stain is **not** a hazardous waste. It can be disposed of in the regular garbage once the stain is dry. Do not bring water-based stain to the [Recycling Center](#); it will not be accepted.

Paint Cans (empty)

Metals cans must be completely empty and dry. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) in the metal roll off. Clean plastic pails can be recycled in the rigid plastic roll off.

Paint Thinner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Pallets

See our webpage devoted to disposal of [pallets](#).

Pamphlets

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Pantyhose

Worn-out pantyhose, nylon knee-highs, and tights can be sent to [No Nonsense](#) for recycling. Any brand is accepted. (Read more info and download a mailing label at the link.)

Paper

When recycling in western Massachusetts, all you have to do is sort recyclables into two categories: Paper and Containers. For detailed information about what paper can and cannot be recycled:

[Recycling Yes/No List](#)

Please do not put recyclable paper in plastic bags, as plastic bags are not recyclable.

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Paper Towels

Paper towels are unfortunately not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. However, the cardboard tubes may be included with Paper recycling. (The cardboard tubes from toilet paper may also be recycled.)

Paperboard

Must be cut up and put in the trash cart.

PCB Ballast

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

PCB Transformers

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Peanut Butter Jars (plastic or glass)

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). Rinse well.

Pellet Bags

Must be put in your trash cart.

Pepper Spray

Contact [Franklin Police Department](#) at 508-528-1212 for proper disposal.

Pesticide

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Phone Books

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Phones

Land-line phones: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Cell phones: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) or at the DPW admin office – 257 Fisher Street.

Photographic Chemicals

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Pianos

Depending on the condition of the piano, you may be able to sell it or give it away. If the instrument cannot be restored to playable condition, it can be disassembled. The [Recycling Center](#) will accept the cast-iron innards. The wood from the frame is sometimes beautiful and can be creatively reused. Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Picture Glass

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Pizza Boxes

IF there are portions of the box (such as the lid) that are grease-free and food-free, they can be accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Only clean boxes, or the clean parts of boxes, can be recycled.

Plaster

Disposal in your trash cart, for larger quantities disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Plastics

Many plastics are accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#) in container recycling. Please read our [Plastics Recycling brochure](#) for more information on this complicated waste management issue.

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Plastic Bags

Plastic bags may **NOT** be put into [recycling carts](#) or [Recycling Center](#). However, many supermarkets, grocery stores, and dry cleaners, as well as some large chain stores do accept plastic bags for recycling. These programs accept plastic grocery bags, plastic newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, CLEAN sandwich/ziploc bags, the outer plastic wrapping from toilet paper/paper towels/napkins, and any plastic bag with the number "2" or "4" inside the recycling symbol. (Some produce bags are labelled 2 or 4.) The bags must be **empty, clean, and dry**. Remember to check for receipts, coins, and trash before you put bags in the collection box. The continuation of plastic bag collection programs is dependent on these guidelines being scrupulously followed!

Plastic Furniture

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) in the rigid plastic roll off.

Plastic Shopping Bags

Please do not put recyclable materials (mixed paper, glass/metal/plastic containers) in plastic bags; they only cause problems for recycling facilities. Plastic bags can be reused many times, but reusable shopping bags are a much better alternative.

Plastic grocery sacks can be recycled at most supermarkets (Big Y, Market Basket, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods, etc.) and many large retail stores (Wal-Mart). In addition, most dry cleaners will accept clothing bags for recycling.

Plastic Utensils

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Plastic Wrap

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Plates

Glass, ceramic, plastic, or metal: If still in good condition, plates may be donated to local resale shops (such as Survival Center, Salvation Army) or rummage sales, or offered at a tag sale. Plates in any condition are unfortunately not recyclable.

Paper: Unfortunately not recyclable and must be placed in the trash.

Plexiglass

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Plywood

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Polyurethane and other Floor & Deck Finishes

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). Water based finishes can be put in the trash.

Polyurethane Spray Foam Tanks

Empty tanks can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Pool Chemicals

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Posters

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). Posters that have been mounted on foam core are not recyclable.

Post-It Notes

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Prescription Drugs

Bring your unwanted medications to [Franklin Police Department](#). Simply place the meds in the green MEDRETURN box. Prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, and veterinary medications are accepted. Keep them in the original containers. You do not have to cross off personal information.

Collection location	Address	Hours
FRANKLIN POLICE STATION	911 PANTHER WAY	24 HOURS/ 7 DAYS

The old advice of flushing unwanted medications down the toilet is now known to be the least desirable of all alternatives. Although flushing appears to be the simplest way to prevent unintended use or other diversion, wastewater treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to treat pharmaceutical waste. ***Don't flush your unwanted medications!***

Never burn unwanted medications or personal care products in a burn barrel. Uncontrolled burning can create dioxins and other air pollutants.

Reduce pharmaceutical waste whenever possible:

- Use all antibiotics as prescribed by your doctor. Not using all doses of an antibiotic could lead to development of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria.
- Buy only as much as can reasonably be used before the expiration date. For example, don't buy 500 aspirin just because it's cheaper, unless you will use them all.
- When your doctor prescribes a new medication, ask the doctor to prescribe only enough to see if the medication will work for you and in the lowest dose advisable. That way, if the medication doesn't suit you, there is less to waste. Do the same for your pet's medications.

Pressure-Treated Lumber

Pressure-treated wood should only be disposed of in a lined landfill, not an incinerator. Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Printers

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Propane Tanks

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Push Lawn Mower

Before disposing of any lawn mower, remove the gas and oil. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

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Radiator Flush

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Rags

These can be used for many household cleaning projects. Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage after you're done re-using them.

Rags-Oily

Dispose of in a plastic bag in your trash cart.

Railroad Ties

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Receipts

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries are a hazardous material. There are numerous types: Lithium-Ion, Nickel-Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Nickel-Zinc, and Sealed Lead Acid. They can be recycled in the Call2Recycle boxes at [DPW Administration](#) building, 257 Fisher St. or they may be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

[Further information](#) on disposal of rechargeable and other types of batteries

Refrigerant

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Refrigerators

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Rendering (Grease)

Place in plastic bag and dispose of in your trash cart.

Ribbon

Ribbon can be used over and over. When it is beyond reuse, it must be placed in the trash. It is not recyclable.

Riding Lawn Mower

Before disposing of any lawn mower, remove the gas and oil. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Rodent Killer

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Roofing

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Roofing Tar

Oil Based Only: This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Latex Roofing Tar: This is not a hazardous waste. It can be disposed of in the regular garbage, once it is dried out.

Root Killer

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Rototiller

Before disposing of a rototiller, remove the gas and oil. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Rust Inhibitor

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

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Sandwich Baggies

If they have been thoroughly washed (no food residue), plastic sandwich baggies are acceptable at supermarket plastic bag recycling collection centers. They can also be washed and re-used repeatedly. They cannot go in the regular recycling.

Satellite Dish

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Sawdust

Unfortunately, not recyclable and may be placed in the garbage. In small quantities, it can be added to compost, but it is slow to break down. In some cases, it can be used as mulch.

Scanners

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Scrapbooking Papers

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Scrap Metal

(for example: Bicycle, Riding and Push Mowers, Rototiller, Snowblower)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) and put in the metal roll off.

Scrubs

These would be recycled in the clothing bin at the [Recycling Center](#).

Sealant

Oil Based Sealant: This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Latex Sealant: This is not a hazardous waste. It can be disposed of in the regular garbage, once it is dried out.

Sealed Lead Acid Batteries

Small sealed lead rechargeable batteries found in computers, electronic equipment, power tools, exit lights, security systems, weed trimmers, wheelchairs, and personal UPS units Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). Sealed lead acid batteries from automobiles and children's rideable vehicles can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Septic Tank Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Shampoo Bottles

Put clean bottles in your recycling cart or bring to the [Recycling Center](#), caps can stay on.

Sharps

Do not place sharps in the trash or recycling. [Franklin Police](#) have a sharps kiosk available for drop off 24/7 in the lobby. Sharps must be in a rigid container for safety during handling. [Waste Management](#) also has a mail order sharps program.

Sheet Glass

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Sheetrock

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Shingles

Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Shoes

Salvation Army accepts shoes in wearable condition, but also ones that are missing a mate, stained, ripped, or broken. The [Recycling Center](#) accepts shoes in the clothing bin.

Shredded Paper

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). The shredded paper must be inside a paper bag to be able to be processed.

Siding

Aluminum: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Vinyl: Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Sinks

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Smoke Detectors

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Sneakers

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) in the clothes drop off.

Snowblower

Before disposing of a snowblower, remove the gas and oil. Disposal is available at the [Recycling Center](#) in the metal container.

Soap bottles

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). Caps and pumps should be removed and placed in the garbage.

Soda & Beer Cartons

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Soda Bottles

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). Rinse bottles first.

Solvents

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Soymilk Boxes and Cartons

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). Rinse first.

Spa

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There is a disposal fee. Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

Spiral Notebooks and Tablets

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Sporting Goods

Resell or donate if they are in good condition. Otherwise they are not recyclable.

Small items: May be placed in the garbage.

Large items: Metal items and rigid plastic can be brought to the [Recycling Center](#). Items must be clean of materials such as netting, batteries, cloth or other contaminants.

Spot Remover/Solvents

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Spray Paint

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Stains (oil-based)

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Stains (water-based)

Water-based stain is **not** a hazardous waste. It can be disposed of in the regular garbage once the stain is dry. Do not bring water-based stain to the [Recycling Center](#); it will not be accepted.

Steel Cans

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Stereos

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Sticky Notes

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

Stove

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Street Sand

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Stuffed Animals (toys, not taxidermy!)

Toy stuffed animals in any condition are accepted by the Salvation Army, as long as they are dry. They can be recycled into insulation or stuffing if they are not in resale condition. Otherwise would have to be made to fit in your trash cart.

Styrofoam (Polystyrene)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). The EPS should be free from any dirt, tape, or any other contaminants and should be marked with the plastics symbol #6 (in the triangle or chasing arrows).

Styrofoam Peanuts

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). Must be Styrofoam only and not polystyrene or other plastic type products.

Syringes & Needles

Do not place sharps in the trash or recycling. [Franklin Police](#) have a sharps kiosk available for drop off 24/7 in the lobby. Sharps must be in a rigid container for safety during handling. [Waste Management](#) also has a mail order sharps program.

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Tanks

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Telephone

Land-line phones: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Cell phones: Cell phones contain hazardous materials and should not be put in the trash. They may also be brought to be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) or [DPW](#) office, 257 Fisher Street. Cell phones can be donated at the [Franklin Fire Department](#) for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

Telephone Books

You can opt out of receiving telephone books online at: <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>.

Television Sets

Placing televisions in the trash is prohibited by state regulations. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). Curbside solid waste subscription customers can call Waste Management at 800-972-4545 for a pick up. There is a disposal fee.

Textiles

Clothing, sneakers, shoes, boots, slippers, belts, ties, purses, pillows, bedding (comforters, sheets, blankets), table linens, stuffed animals, and draperies/curtains can be placed in Salvation Army or Goodwill boxes, or brought to Salvation Army stores. These textile items *can be in almost any condition*,

as anything not deemed appropriate for the charities' stores will be sold to a textile recycler. Moth-eaten, torn, and stained fabrics are all acceptable. However, all items must be DRY. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Thermometers & Thermostats

Mercury is a silvery liquid. If you have a **thermometer** with mercury in it, this is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#). We offer a free digital fever thermometer in exchange. (One per household.) If the thermometer has red or blue liquid, it does not contain mercury and may be put in the trash.

Thermostats contain a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Tiles

Tiles are considered construction debris and needs to be handled as building materials using a local licensed hauler of taking it to a facility. Click here for [locations](#) locally.

Tin Cans

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) or your recycling cart. Rinse thoroughly.

Tires

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Tissue Paper

Tissue paper is accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Recycling Center](#). One exception: if the paper has glitter on it, it is *not* recyclable.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Toilet Paper

Toilet paper is not recyclable. However, the cardboard tubes may be included in your recycling. (The cardboard tubes from paper towels may also be recycled.)

Toilets

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee.

Toys

Charitable organizations (Salvation Army, Goodwill, local churches) may take those in good condition. Sometimes local organizations hold short-term toy drives, which are typically advertised in the local media and with fliers. Most toys are not recyclable and, if not in reusable condition, must be placed in the garbage. Plastic toys such as Little Tikes can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Stuffed animal toys in any condition are accepted by the Salvation Army; they can be recycled into insulation or stuffing if they are not in resale condition.

Transmission Fluid

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Transparencies

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

Trash Compactor

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Trees & Brush

Placing trees and brush in the trash is prohibited by state regulations. These can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Typewriter (old-style metal)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Typewriter (plastic body)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Tyvek Envelopes

Tyvek envelopes cannot be put in your paper recycling. However, they *are* recyclable through [a program](#) run by manufacturer Dupont, which converts them into construction materials as an alternative to wood.

You can also call 1-866-33-TYVEK and ask about the pouch program for recycling. Each pouch holds approximately 200 used Tyvek envelopes.

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Upholstered Chair

Every Thursday customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545. There is a disposal fee. Metal and recyclable materials will not be picked up and should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Upholstery Cleaner

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the annual [Household Hazardous Waste Day](#).

Upholstery Polish

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the annual [Household Hazardous Waste Day](#).

Used Cooking Oil

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Used Motor Oil

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Utensils

Metal: Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Plastic: Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

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Vacuum Cleaner

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Vacuum Cleaner Dust

Must be placed in the garbage.

Varnish

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Vases

If still in good condition, vases may be donated to local resale shops (such as Salvation Army) or rummage sales, or offered at a tag sale. Vases in any condition are unfortunately not recyclable.

VCR

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Vegetable Oil (used)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#) and put in the oil container.

Video Cassettes

These cannot be recycled locally. [GreenDisk](#) offers a mail-in option for recycling all forms of electronic media and their cases: diskettes, zip disks, CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs et al, video tape, audio tape, game cartridges, DAT, DLT, Beta or Digibeta, and virtually all other type of computer tapes, as well as many other forms of "techno-trash." See their site for more info. Otherwise, dispose of video cassettes in the trash.

Video Game System

These, like all electronics can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

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Wallboard

Wallboard is considered construction debris and is handled as such. Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Washing Machine

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Water Bottles

Accepted curbside in your recycling cart and the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Water Heaters (residential)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Waterbed Mattress

Must be placed in the garbage.

Weed Killer

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Wet Paper

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage.

White Goods

Dishwasher, Dryer, Freezer, Refrigerator, Stove, Washing Machine

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#). There may be a disposal fee. Disposal is available at any [local licensed hauler and drop off center](#).

White Paper

Accepted at all local transfer stations in Paper recycling and curbside in Erving, Gill, and Montague. Staples are ok. Remove clips or binders.

Window Frames (with or without glass)

Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Window Glass (out of frames)

Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Windshields

Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Wine Box Liners

The flexible plastic liners that are inside wine boxes can be recycled with other plastics.

Wine Corks

Corks can be reused in various creative ways, or tossed in the garbage. They cannot go in your recycling bin. If you don't have a use for your corks, they can nevertheless have a second life through [ReCORK](#), which reuses corks. Another option Whole Foods in Bellingham accepts corks. See [Earth911](#) for more recycling information.

Wire Hangers (scrap metal)

Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Wood

Please see the list of [local haulers](#) and disposal sites for options.

Wood Ash

Unfortunately, not recyclable and may be placed in the garbage, *once it is stone cold*.

Wood Pellet Bags

Pellet bags can be reused as trash bags. They cannot be recycled with plastic containers or in grocery store plastic bag recycling programs.

Wood Preservatives

This is a hazardous material and must be brought to the [Beaver Street Recycling Center](#).

Wood Strippers

These are hazardous materials and must be brought to the annual [Household Hazardous Waste Day](#).

Wooden Furniture

Every Thursday customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545.

There is a disposal fee. Metal and recyclable materials will not be picked up and should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

Wrapping Paper

Gift wrap that is foil or metallic, or which has glitter, is not recyclable. Otherwise, gift wrap is accepted curbside in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#).

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Yard Wastes/Leaves

Placing yard waste and leaves in the trash is prohibited by state regulations. Can be recycled at the [Recycling Center](#).

Yogurt Containers

Accepted in your recycling cart or the [Recycling Center](#). Rinse well.

Zinc-Carbon and Zinc-Chloride Batteries

These are not hazardous, and may be disposed of in the trash.

Information on disposal of [other types of batteries](#)

Ziploc Bags

If they have been thoroughly washed (no food residue) and dried, plastic ziploc bags are acceptable at supermarket plastic bag recycling collection centers. They can also be washed and re-used repeatedly. They cannot go in the regular recycling.

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Additional Information

Curbside Bulk Item Collection

Every week customers of the Franklin Solid Waste Program can have a bulky item such as a sofa or table collected curbside. A reservation must be made by calling Waste Management at 800-972-4545. Metal and recyclable materials will not be picked up and should be brought to the [Recycling Center](#).

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Garbage

Trying to cut back on the quantity of garbage created by your household? First, recycle paper and containers. Then, consider the items which cannot go in the recycling bins but which might be composted (yard and kitchen waste), or creatively re-used (for example, using egg cartons as a child's bead collection bin). Buying products that will be used more than once can also help reduce what ends up in the trash stream. For example, buying a mug at the coffee shop and bringing it back every morning is one less disposable cup in the garbage every day. We've got additional suggestions about reducing, reusing, and recycling.

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Franklin Recycling Center (445 Beaver Street)

The [Recycling Center](#) is operated by the Town of Franklin. An annual sticker is required for access which can be purchased at [DPW administration Building](#) – 257 Fisher St., [Town Clerk's Office](#) – 355 East Central St. or the [Recycling Center](#) – 445 Beaver St. No cash is accepted at the Recycling Center, but Mastercard/Visa and checks are. There is a per-item charge on some items, [check fees and accepted items](#) beforehand. No trash is accepted at the Recycling Center.

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RECYCLING!

[Recycling Yes/No List](#)

[Plastics Recycling information](#)

Recyclables are sorted into two main categories: Paper and Containers. It is important that these two categories are not mixed when you bring your items to your transfer station or put them out for curbside collection. **Paper** recycling includes all paper products from newspapers to cardboard. **Containers** recycling includes most plastic, glass, and metal containers that originally held food, beverages, or personal care products. Aluminum foil might not come to mind as a container, but as long as it's clean of food debris, it can be dropped off at your transfer station with the container recycling. As much as we want to recycle everything, there are some things that cannot be recycled, so please place these items in the garbage. Click on the two links listed above (under the "RECYCLING!" header) for more detailed information about what can and cannot be recycled.

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Hazardous Waste

The Franklin [Recycling Center](#) accepts Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) all year during business hours. It is important to dispose of these hazardous materials properly for health and safety concerns. The Recycling Center has expanded what can be accepted and materials are rendered at the [Clean Harbors](#) facility.

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Sharps Collection Program

This is a free program for the safe collection and disposal of residential needles and lancets. Every year healthcare workers, recycling workers, sanitation workers, home needle users and their families report hundreds of thousands of [needle stick injuries](#) when needles and lancets are disposed of improperly. The sharps collection box is available 24/7 at the [Franklin Police Department](#).

[Waste Management](#) also has a mail order sharps program.

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Town Bylaws Regarding Trash, Recycling and the Recycling Center

[Bylaws](#) are published online which reflect State and Town requirements to operate safely and environmentally correct.

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